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The Tribune of to-morrow will contain the usual additional twenty columns of reading matter in a supplementary sheet. Advertisers will oblige us by sending in their favors at as early an hour as possible, that the paper may go to press in good season.

WASHINGTON.

Secretary Cox and the Indian Treaties.

New Plan to Settle Contested Elections.

Destitution and Suffering in Alaska.

Selling Cadetships--A Breeze in the House.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.

INDIAN TREATIES.

Secretary Cox has finished his examination of the pending Indian treaties, now before the Senate, but unacted on, and has decided to accept and recommend the withdrawal of all which provide for the sale of the lands to any road corporations. These are the treaties with the Grand and Little Osage; that with the Sacs and Foxes, of Missouri and Iowa; that with the Otoes and Missouris; and that of the Kaws, or Kansas. The latter provides for sales of some of the land to the State of Kansas, with branch lands to the Pacific Railroad, and for eighty-seven cents to a dollar and a half per acre. A number of individual New York and Western railroad companies that New York and Western railroad companies that are asking for the Senators are entering their names to induce the President to withdraw his recommendation of ratification of Secretary Cox.

PLAN TO SETTLE CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

The Election Committee has agreed to recommend to the House a plan for settling contested election cases, entirely new to this country; but something like that pursued in England. It is to be left entirely to the committee to decide in each case by special jury or committee. The names of all the members of the House are to be put into a box, and then drawn out, one by one, each contestant having the right to object to one, each contestant having the right to object to any striking down. When nine names have been drawn, to which neither contestant objects, those gentlemen are to form the committee for that special case. The decisions of the committee are to be final, without cause of either of the contestants asks for a vote of the House.

DESTITUTION IN ALASKA.

Letters from San Francisco show that there is considerable destitution in Alaska. The Major of Sitka applied to General Davis for relief, representing that some of the Russians were in needy condition, and that the city government was powerless to relieve them. Investigation into the matter, and directed the Post Commandant to issue rations to indigent citizens, from provisions in store, to last only during the winter, taking measures at the same time to aid them in getting work.

EDUCATIONAL.

The National Association of School Superintendents are to meet in this city, commencing next Tuesday, and continuing five days, beginning on the first of next month, at which brief and practical addresses will be delivered by Commissioner Eaton, General Eberhart, and the State Superintendents of Maine, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Ohio. The meeting will be in charge of General Eaton as beginning his work as Commissioner of the Bureau of Education, if it is continued by Congress.

SUTRO.

The Sutro tunnel scheme, from Nevada, is coming up again in some form. The main question may be reduced to this: Can rates from San Francisco, and Storey himself is expected among shortly. The House will probably refer the matter to the committee charged with the subject, and may favorably entertain the project, and is said to be quite favorable to it. There is not much chance of its getting through this session, however.

SELLING CADETSHIPS.

The inquiry whether any member of Congress have been selling cadetships to West Point and Annapolis, is one that ought to have made some time ago. Letters have been written to the Navy Department to ascertain whether members have been in circulation a good while.

THE SENATE.

TRANSPORTS.

Mr. THAYER called up a resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish to the Senate with a list of steamers engaged in transporting the property of the United States, and what has been done during the last five years, with all cost of same.

INDIANS.

On motion of Mr. CARPENTER, the resolution calling upon the President for information relating to affairs in Georgia, was taken from the table and agreed to.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Senate proceeded to consider bills of a private character, which several were passed, including the bill for the relief of Mrs. Gen. Custer, and the Fourth Arkansas Mounted Infantry; donating condemned cannon to Lafayette, Ind., and Buffalo, N. Y.; for donation of condemned ordnance for Lincoln Monument Association; for the relief of Mrs. Gen. Thomas; for the sale of a portion of the Fort Gratiot military reservation, Mich.

MEMBER FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Mr. BINGHAM, from the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably on the bill for the relief of Representative Grady, from North Carolina, to take the oath of office, and to admit him to his seat in the House instead of the test oath.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed by Mr. BINGHAM, and opposed by Mr. LAINE, Mr. HOWE, and others.

PAYING PENSIONS.

Mr. LAWRENCE introduced a bill to provide a mode of paying pensions. Referred.

Mr. LAWRENCE introduced a bill to provide that no person shall be appointed to any office connected with the collection of internal revenue, or other existing revenue laws, who is not a citizen of the United States, a resident of the district in which he resides, free of cost to pensioners. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to prescribe rules for carrying this act into effect, and treasurers of collectors of internal revenue are to pay pensions to all pensioners in his county, and treasurers of collectors of internal revenue are to pay pensions to the order of each pensioner, who shall then be entitled to receive the same, without fee or charge, such as now; $100,000 shall be paid annually to pay pensions, instead of $50,000 heretofore appropriated. Referred.

Mr. SHERMAN introduced a bill to amend the several acts relating to the public lands. It is explained, will save pensioners several hundred dollars in fees, and will prevent the issuing of fraudulent certificates, and save them $1,000 in postage. It will also save the Government $100,000 per annum for salaries fees and for preparing patents.

FOCUS OF PURITY OF DOCTRINE.

The House has passed the Senate bill granting relief to the poor of the District of Columbia, by the appointment of a Board of Charities. The other day the poor tax was adopted—yeas 96; nays 56. The bill now goes to the Senate.

COAL OIL.

Mr. HOOPER introduced a bill to prevent the sale of coal oil, or other oil, for illuminating purposes, which will ignite at a less heat than 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. BAKER introduced bills as follows, which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary: Repealing the act of Pennsylvania; regulating the issue of summons and writs of attachment in the United States courts; and to amend and prepare for permanent reorganization the Supreme Court.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. WHEELER introduced a bill to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, reported a bill relating to the Northern Pacific Railroad.

REVENUE CUTTERS.

Mr. LAWRENCE, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported a bill to leave to report a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell the revenue cutter Northern Lights, now in commission.

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The House then, at 3 p. m., adjourned.

The Senate then, at 4 p. m., went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

SPRINGFIELD.

The Salomon Contempt Case.

General Salomon Fined $1,000 and Costs.

The Canal Question Further Considered.

A Substitute Offered by Mr. Browning Adopted.

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CONTEMPT CASE.

This morning, at 11 o'clock, the Supreme Court met, pursuant to adjournment, to give its decision in the case of the State vs. Salomon. Chief Justice Breese and Associate Judges Lawrence and Walker being present, Chief Justice Breese immediately proceeded to read the decision, which was signed by Edward S. Salomon, was present and ready to receive the sentence of the Court. Before the latter the General responded that he was. The Chief Justice then, in his usual terse and dignified manner, pronounced the following opinion and sentence:

DECISION OF THE COURT.

Edward S. Salomon: On the 16th of October, last, the Auditor of Public Accounts, in pursuance of a law, drew two warrants, under his official seal, upon the Treasurer of State, for $1,000 each, in favor of Cook County, that the State Board of Equalization might add the same to the aggregate valuation of that county, for the purpose of taxation, as per certificate of the Auditor, which was filed with the Secretary of State. The warrants were dated the 1st of October, and were entered in the books according to such date, and not according to the actual time of issuing them. The Auditor applied for a mandamus to compel the Governor to attest the warrants. The Governor refused to do so, on the ground that it would be giving this Court its sanction to the illegal act of the Auditor in issuing the warrants. The Governor also refused to attest the warrants, because, as he alleged, he had been informed, and believed, that the Auditor had issued the warrants without authority of law, and for the purpose of increasing the valuation of Cook County for the purpose of taxation, and that the Auditor had been induced to issue the warrants by the solicitation of the agents of Cook County, and that the Auditor had issued the warrants without any application from the Board of Equalization, and without any knowledge on his part that the Board desired the warrants to be issued. The Governor also refused to attest the warrants because he believed that the Auditor had issued the warrants without any authority of law, and that the Board of Equalization had no power to increase the valuation of Cook County, or any other county, for the purpose of taxation

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THE SENATE CURRENCY BILL.

The passage by the Senate of the Finance Committee's Currency bill gives hope that our legislators are groping toward the light on this much-befogged question, and that at a day not far distant the country may be extricated from some of its worst financial difficulties.

The bill aims at three objects, viz.:

I. To withdraw $20,000,000 of their present National Banking currency from the States to which currency has been issued in excess of their just proportion.

II. To add $45,000,000 to the existing issue ($300,000,000) of National Bank notes, by issuing them to Banking Associations formed in States having less than their quota of currency, in place of a like amount of 5 per cent certificates, which are to be redeemed and cancelled as fast as the bank notes are issued; and,

III. To authorize National Banking Associations to issue, without limit, their own notes, redeemable at par in gold on demand, upon securing their redemption by deposit of bonds with the Comptroller of the Currency to an amount whose par shall be one-fourth more than that of the notes issued.

First. The equalization of the amount of currency issued to associations in the several States according to their capital and population is a measure about which very much was said on both sides a year or two ago, but which has not recently seemed of much practical importance. The notion that the quantity of bank notes needed by a people is in proportion to their numbers and the extent of their business, if it has any truth at all, is due to the standing exception that cities and compact town populations, so far as they constitute their business by cash and drafts, dispense with the use of bank notes and have very little need of them. Thus the one million of population in New York city, who perform nineteen-twentieths of their exchanges by checks instead of the bank notes, and who use the bank note only in the small change of their transactions, have much less need of currency than one million of people in Iowa and Minnesota, where the check is much less available, and nearly all exchanges require the notes. Massachusetts may be roughly said to need but a tenth as many bank notes as her population would absorb if scattered over her territory of equal area. In this point of view it would be, perhaps, as sound a mode of distributing currency among States to issue it according to the number of square miles inhabited by the population as to regulate it by the number of the population. Were our National Bank note currency practically redeemable, its frequent return to the banks of issue, to be reissued in new loans and discounts in their vicinity, would confer a great superiority on those localities having an excess of currency over their just proportion. But, so long as our currency constitutes practically irredeemable, no bank note returns to the bank that issued it, but simply flows as a mere drop in the common national reservoir of currency, without drawback or bank note, to the point where it is most wanted. Hence the abundance or scarcity of currency in any locality can no more be affected by the redistribution of it than the level of Lake Michigan at Chicago can be raised by shipping its water hither from Mackinaw. The abundance of an irredeemable currency at any one point, compared with others, depends on the excess of the products or values it has to sell.

There is an advantage, however, in being able to issue currency at what one considers this advantage is largely neutralized by the Eastern States. So far as the mass of the people are concerned, it makes very little difference whether the profits of bank note circulation are paid to a set of stockholders residing in one place or in another, so that the distribution of currency ought to be maintained; still while we do not attach so much importance to this feature of the bill as some of our members of Congress seem to, we think that the New England members have no right to complain if they now required to surrender something which they were never entitled to by law.

Secondly. The substitution of National Bank notes to the extent of $45,000,000 for 5 per cent legal tenders to the same amount is a step in the right direction, as it substitutes, per tenta, a permanent loan for a government debt and lessens the amount of interest-bearing government paper afloat, whose retirement, by some means, must be the condition precedent to resumption. Yet the fact that the bank note is

THE COURTS.

Insane Asylum Heating Contract—A Family Quarrel.

Police Court Proceedings

Circuit Court.

CREATION CONTRACT OF THE SUPERVISORS.

The matter of the complaint, by bill, of the Chicago Manufacturing Company against the board of Supervisors, the answer of the defendant has been filed. It will be remembered that a proposition to furnish the board with steam heating apparatus, and contracting with Walworth, Twomey & Price for the benefit of the Insane Asylum was before the board, the contemplated steaming was to be by way of the public hall in front of the building, but that the board refused to accept the proposition. The answer admits the proposition, and the reception of bids under the advertisement, and that it proposes to pay only the interest for the acceptance by the action of the bid of Walworth, Twomy & Price, and the acceptance of a contract with them by the Board of Supervisors, but avers that the contract was made upon the express condition that the contractors should not begin work until said party proposing to contract should have been examined, the architect and the agent of the heating body were present, the manner in which the work was to be executed was set out, and that the bid was not accepted, but that the contract was to be void, on the 10th of November, 1869, unless the architect should make a favorable report. Another gentleman, who had gone on the ground, was also steaming, under opposition, but he will receive, in fact, did, for the contract was awarded to the parties named. It is denied that Walworth had been in possession of the premises, and that the contract was to be void on the 10th of November, 1869, but that the time was extended to the 20th of November, 1869, and that the contract was awarded to the parties named. It is also denied that the contractors, on the 20th of November, 1869, had not been ready to receive, in fact, did, for the heat proposed to be furnished, and that Walworth had been in possession of the premises, and that the contract was void, and that the Board of Supervisors had no power to award the contract, and that the contract was void, and that the Board of Supervisors had no power to award the contract, and that the contract was void, and that the Board of Supervisors had no power to award the contract

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

History of the Origin and Objects of the New Order.

Banquet at the Briggs.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of the State of Illinois were installed last evening, in the Board of Trade Lodge, corner of Washington and LaSalle streets. The interesting ceremony was performed by Supreme Chancellor of New Jersey, Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Lodge of the World, assisted by W. Krohnheim, Grand Guide of the Supreme Lodge. The following is a list of the officers installed:

Grand Chancellor—C. H. Rogers.
Grand Vice-Chancellor—H. C. Bell.
Grand Prelate—Rev. Dr. Goodwin.
Grand Master of Exchequer—H. Hermann.
Grand Master of Arms—W. H. Bennett.
Grand Inner Guard—Thomas Hunter.
Grand Outer Guard—A. G. Cornell.
Grand Master of Finance—H. L. Rogers.
Grand Master of Records—Jacob Bunn.
Grand Master of Ceremonies—Thomas Hunter.
Grand Representative to Supreme Lodge—A. G. Cornell.

The following history of the origin and objects of the order generally and of the Board of Trade Lodge in particular will be read rapidly growing order will be found interesting:

The order is based on the principle of friendship, embracing tangible benefits, and inculcates sincere fraternity. Its aim, to alleviate the misfortune of a member, through organization, securely watch all the bulwarks of the state, soothe the dying pillow, perform the last sad rites at the grave of a brother, and caring for the widow and orphan. Having these principles for its foundation endeavor to carry them out, exemplifying them by practical tests, and if a government adapted to their wants cannot be found, that their universe will have no cause to feel but that their mission has not been in vain. It is not intended that the perpetuity of benevolent institutions of any kind depends alone upon the strength and unflagging influences of the principles on which they are based, and history, with unerring distinctness, proves the fact that where these influences are sufficiently strong to stimulate and direct, they require the aid of strict discipline, inculcating implicit obedience to, and compliance with, all the laws necessary to govern the body in which the institutions were to be governed, they would, indeed, be but the shadows of the form. Order and discipline are absolutely necessary to promote good government, and all well-regulated governments have certain channels through which all laws, edicts, and instructions, of whatever nature, must pass to insure uniformity in their practical workings among the masses in the constituent parts. Even the most benevolent institutions of all ages there were certain acts, signs, and assertions by which they were governed, and certain signs, passwords, and significations, peculiar to each, which the members of the brotherhood were enabled to identify each other and distinguish them from the uninitiated in all parts of the world.

The supreme and honorable order of the Knights of Pythias, in which there bonds so much strength, beauty, and symmetry, as to cement friendship with true knightly fellowship immortal and harmonized, has adopted the above system of government at Washington, D. C., United States of America, where the supreme power of the Grand Lodge was organized August 24, 1870, with Brother T. K. Fitch as Grand Chancellor. The present ritual of the order was adopted in 1869.

Though the principles upon which it is based are old, it has the claim to be considered a new institution from the fact that it has but recently come into active operation. Its principles are not new, but the systematic form in which they are presented, the new language, sang peculiar to their honor and emblazoned them in the hallowed temple of friendship, will "be and act, and the seasons come and go—long as the waters shall flow toward the sea, and in ceaseless stream—so long will the memory of the beautiful principles which some of us on this earth have labored down the stream of time, the brightest stars be remembered.

It is under the protection of their virtues and unselfish devotion to each other, the nourishing and protection of which, all the objects of the order, this organization has been obtained the name of Knights of Pythias.

The Knights of Pythias, comprehending the proper, social, and fraternal duties of life, have not failed in their order to recognize these virtues. Nay, more, they have established a charity in its legitimate sense, making its use for soliciting the unlimited patronage of the benevolent hour; the man of honor from the treasurer of charities; the orphan from the widow bereaved, who would relieve us of our sorrows from one who aims chiefly to relieve the distressed. The noble poet of Cervantes was employed closely to make hideous the extreme faculties of the knight of LaMancha was a shining virtue of private life, and the knight of Pythias is a model of private and public virtue, who lays in the foundation of his courage, and reason, and who is the true representative of humanity, or a sealing receive upon the principles of truth.

The Knights of Pythias cultivate the chivalry of manhood, the moral virtues, and the principles necessary from the generous and devoted mind; the pains of others, and the desire to relieve them and better life into the weals social circle. They do not ignore the influence on the combined against imaginary wrongs, but to combat those errors of ignorance and prejudice which banished of a large portion of the social comforts and pleasures of mankind. Through the order Creator intended should be theirs, and which, when enjoyed, could make it a second order of Imperial flowers made out of a million tears of pestiferous weeds. The story of Damon and Pythias affords a beautiful illustration of true friendship and true charity.

If we cannot ever attain the perfection of such an example we can at least strive for it. We can weep with sorrow, and we can rejoice with those that are happy. We can rest the heart, smooth the pillow of the sick, and lighten the afflictions of the broken-hearted. We can be with those who are in trouble, with the weak and wavering. We can hush the voice of the slanderer, and speak well of the absent. We can be slow to discredit a tale, a ruptured neighbor, boast, a divided family, estranged friends. This is the mission of the Knights of Pythias, and by God's blessing we hope our moral victories will be as rapid and great as those of the order which has achieved and is daily achieving over the enemies of the natural world.

The whole number of lodges of Knights of Pythias in the United States is 1,000, with a total of working in the state is 50.

The State of Illinois has six lodges which have been organized since May last: Wabash Lodge No. 1, instituted October 1, 1869; Damon Lodge No. 2, instituted October 26, 1869; Excelsior Lodge No. 3, instituted October 28, 1869; Pythian Lodge No. 4, November 26, 1869; Occidental Lodge No. 5, November 26, 1869; Hollenlig Lodge No. 6, December 1869.

These lodges are all situated in Chicago, with the exception of recent organization at Peoria, Ill. According to the regulations of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the State of Illinois, the Board of Trade Lodge, which yesterday, the 4th of February, 1870, was duly installed in Hall, at 4 o'clock. H. W. G. Reade, of the Board of Trade Lodge, installed the officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, after which a reception and banquet was given by the Board of Trade Lodge to the Grand Lodge, at the Briggs House, where a good, substantial supper was served up in a style, commensurate with the occasion, and the public portion of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. We hope their success will be glorious in the future, and we trust that they will be able to urge on the time when all the world over will be united in one band, belonging to the universal brotherhood whose motto is the love, purity, and peace.

After the ceremony the Knights adjourned to the Briggs House for a banquet. They were ushered in the parlors and marched to the dining hall in the following order of procession:

O. G. (with sword).
Grand Master of Exchequer and Past Grand Chancellor, Members of the Board of Trade.
Lodge No. 6, in charge of Officers.
O. G. (with sword).
Past Chancellors, in charge of Grand Lodge of Illinois.
Grand Officers.
Invited Guests.
Members and Old Fellow Companions in Uniform.

Sir Knight D. A. Gough officiated as Grand Marshal.

Supper was served under the immediate supervision of Mr. Stenger, and was worthy of the famed resources of the Briggs House.

When supper was over, W. G. C. Berry, of the Grand Lodge, in a neat speech introduced the Supreme G. C. of the Supreme Lodge, who spoke of the progress of the Order, and predicted its success in Illinois and all over the world. Many impromptu speeches were made, and the happy party separated after singing the Doxology.

MR. GOUGH'S TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

Mr. John B. Gough appeared yesterday evening before a large and admiring audience at Farwell Hall, in his great assumption of "The Apostle of Temperance." It is a character which Mr. Gough has created with distinguished success during many years of hard work, and he is now as perfect in it as Jefferson is in Rip Van Winkle. He may be said to have taken possession of the part with his character; he made it first reputation by it, he made popularity, and he has never ceased to make money by it. As he did last night, he has always made himself a man by it, and laid up treasures in heaven as we (a suburb, where, had he an choose, he might have all to himself) as well as in Washington Homes or lasting monuments of his genius. It is now a quarter of a century ago, more or less, since Mr. Gough first began to kindled his fiery words and began to rush through the world with it. The world admired, applauded, and paid him. He was encouraged, and he was fired by speeches were so stimulating as whatever, and, of course, a great many people, who were willing to help to furnish the form of excitement for another of Emerson's